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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

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August 1, 1941.

NAZI-LATIN AMERICAN FRICTION AT NEW HIGH, reports Associated Press in round-up of latest diplomatic moves. Mexico rejects German request that Mexican government protest to Washington against commercial blacklist, Foreign Minister terming German note "imperious and unacceptable." Argentine police announce smashing of putsch against government in Entre Rios Province, termed "Nazi hotbed," and Argentine foreign office tells German Ambassador to get rid of portable radio transmitter that has figured in recent Argentine-German diplomatic dispute. Bolivia continues arrests in alleged attempted Nazi putsch. Uruguay removes pro-Nazi editor from Chamber of Deputies. German Consul General in Valparaiso, Chile, asked for second time to leave country. He was ousted last December, later given an extension of time to wind up his affairs. (Washington Post)

FEW LATIN COMMENTS ON CLARK SUGGESTION that U. S. take over entire Western Hemisphere. Bogotá, Colombia, press prints Idaho senator's statement without comment; reported regarded as absurd but also unfortunate and inopportune. Only one Costa Rican newspaper prints statement, plus President Roosevelt's response. Honduran reaction is that Clark statement raises question of his authority for charge that Good Neighbor Policy has failed; Honduras generally regards it as successful. (Washington Post)

TOSCANINI RETURNS FROM ARGENTINA after conducting eight concerts of Buenos Aires Symphony. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

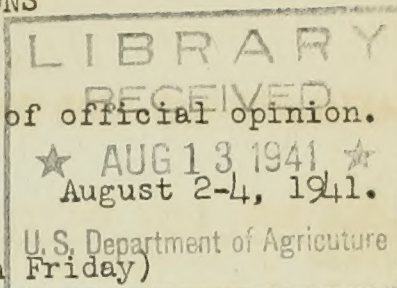
BRAZIL RAISES COFFEE EXPORT PRICES, increases ranging from about \$1.40 to \$2.30 per 132-pound sack. Walter J. Donnelly, U. S. commercial attaché in Rio, says this will raise U. S. retail price about 1.5 cents a pound. Brazilian action believed to have resulted from similar Colombian increases. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

U. S. TRAINS AIR INFANTRY in Panama Canal Zone to be ready for any Western Hemisphere emergency. Group is Army's first organized force of air-transported landing troops, consisting of about 550 officers and men, organized in three rifle companies, a heavy weapons company and a headquarters detachment. (Christian Science Monitor)

ROOSEVELT NOMINATES PUERTO RICO GOVERNOR. Rexford Guy Tugwell, former Under Secretary of Agriculture, nominated to succeed Guy J. Swope, who resigned to become Director of the division of territories in the Interior Department. (PM)

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ECUADOR-PERU TRUCE REACHED after 25 days of border warfare. Truce results from joint mediation efforts of Argentina, Brazil and United States. (PM) Roosevelt congratulates presidents of both countries. Te Deum mass in Lima marks end of fighting. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

U. S. COFFEE IMPORT QUOTA INCREASED 20 percent, effective Aug. 11, by Inter-American Coffee Board. Action said to follow dissatisfaction with coffee price increase in U. S. and Brazil's action in raising its minimum coffee export price by 1-3/8 cents. Board said there is reason to believe that U. S. coffee scarcity is result of holding of stocks for speculative purposes. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

U. S. BLACKLIST NEEDS SUPPORT OF PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN in Latin America, says Betty Kirk, writing from Mexico City. Latin nations should be shown, she says, that blacklisting of Axis firms represents opportunity to divert business to friendly firms; that dumping of subsidized German goods in America made list necessary; that German merchants who handled U. S. goods during last war dropped it as soon as war ended; that each firm was thoroughly investigated before being listed; and that Axis merchants are greatest propaganda force in Latin America. (Washington Post)

EXHIBITION OF SOUTH AMERICAN COLONIAL ART at Newark, N. J., includes paintings, furniture, carvings, gildings and tooled leather. Display from Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru is reminder that antiques have wider range than few countries of European decoration. (Christian Science Monitor)

ARGENTINA COOL ON SUPPORTING BLACKLIST, authoritative sources saying government will back constitutional guaranty that one citizen can continue doing business with another unless Argentine law prevents it. Argentine police, however, continue drive against subversive activities with arrest of 30 persons at Rosario headquarters of German Culture Welfare Association. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINA WARNS BRITAIN AND GERMANY to tone down activities of propaganda bureaus in Buenos Aires or have them closed. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINE WOOL EXPORTS to U. S. in first half of 1941 three times as much as in same period of 1940. Indicates U. S. floor covering manufacturers have increased use of Argentine wool in their blends from normal 20 percent to more than half. (N. Y. Journal of Commerce)

U. S. - ARGENTINE TRADE AGREEMENT to be signed about mid-August, says Foreign Minister Ruiz Guinazu after talk with U. S. Ambassador Norman Armour. (Christian Science Monitor)

BOLIVIANS ARRESTED IN EUROPE, in German-occupied countries, for "suspicion of intrigues hostile to the state," DNB announces. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

NAZI NEWS AGENCY WIDENS SERVICE IN BRAZIL, offering increased volume of free news to newspapers outside Rio de Janeiro, which under new law can publish only news relayed through capital city. This increases telegraph tolls to papers outside Rio. Transocean, by offering free news with tolls paid, hopes to increase volume of its news used. (Christian Science Monitor) (over)

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CANAL ZONE LIKE FRONTIER BOOM TOWN, says returning travelers. Report great increase in population has made it almost impossible to obtain rooms. (New York Herald Tribune)

SHIPPING ARRANGED FOR CHILEAN NITRATE to U. S. on adequate scale through arrangements with Maritime Commission. At same time, increase of \$3 per ton of nitrate costs announced made necessary by higher freight costs, war risk insurance and cost of burlap and cotton bagging. (N. Y. Journal of Commerce)

U. S. - COSTA RICA NEGOTIATIONS ON BLACKLIST begin, designed to modify operation of list while formula is worked out to save Costa Rican workers from hardships. (Washington Post)

U. S. - MEXICAN OIL SETTLEMENT NEAR as part of general settlement of differences between two governments, Washington sources indicate. Oil agreement will resemble agrarian claims settlement with Mexico under which Mexico paid value of properties fixed by mixed commission, beginning payments even before value was agreed on. (N. Y. Journal of Commerce)

GERMAN ATTITUDE TOWARD MEXICO termed "barefaced impudence" by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. Associated Press reports Mexican government is "seriously considering closing German consulates" in reprisal for German note requesting Mexico not to support U. S. blacklist. Welles praises Latin American nations for steps taken to combat Axis influence. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

MEXICO CURBS SINARQUISTAS, semi-military Nazi-Fascist organization, by sharply restricting public demonstrations. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

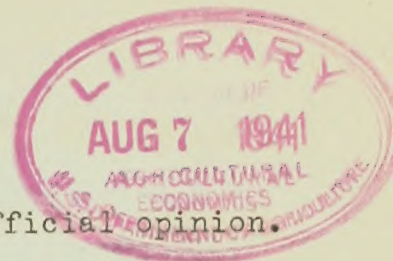
PERUVIAN DEPUTIES APPROVE NEW RAILROAD, 300 miles long, from port of Paita to navigable point on Marañon river, thus joining the Amazon. Seen as important in hemisphere defense and also help in developing Peruvian trade with Amazon area. (Christian Science Monitor)

PERUVIAN AIR OFFICERS ARRIVE in New York, en route to Canada to inspect air fields of Canadian and British governments. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

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LATIN AMERICA RESENTS BLACKLIST, expects "elasticity" in administering it, reports correspondent from Santiago, Chile. Publicity of U. S. list contrasts with quiet application by British. Despite difficulties, list termed "powerful weapon against the Axis." (Christian Science Monitor)

OBLIGATIONS TO ECUADOR post embarrassing problem for U. S., says Bryce Oliver, WMCA radio commentator. In seeking formula for truce between Ecuador and Peru, he says U. S. faces difficulties because "through private arrangements not officially recognized," the U. S. is in position to utilize Albermarle Island, largest of Ecuador's Galápagos group in Pacific, as advance base to protect Panama Canal. Ecuador feels U. S. owes them for base, yet U. S. cannot afford to offend Peru, key nation to West Coast defense, he reports. (PM)

GERMAN SCHOOLS OPERATING IN ARGENTINA, newspaper La Prensa charges. Says 270 clandestine German schools are being used as one of principal means of totalitarian groups to carry out infiltration. (PM)

VARGAS ENDS GOOD-WILL VISIT. President Getulio Vargas of Brazil leaves Asunción, Paraguay, by plane after good-will visit. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

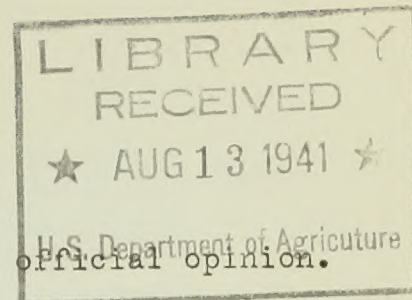
COLOMBIA FOILS NAZI PLOT to undermine loyalty of sub-officials in Army. One German reported among an undisclosed number of persons detained in alleged attempt to "institute subversive activities within armed forces." Bogotá radio stations reported that Nazis were behind plot. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

MEXICAN ARMY OFFICERS TO STUDY IN U. S. Thirteen Mexican army officers are assigned to military posts in U. S. to study modern methods of mechanized warfare and introduce them into Mexico's defense program. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PUERTO RICAN AID ASKED by Guy J. Swope, former Governor of Puerto Rico, upon arrival in U. S. to become director of the Division of Territories and Possessions of the Department of the Interior. He says that considerable industrialization, with cooperative help and attention of Federal Government, is needed. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE FLAG suggested by Luis Mañoz Marín, President of Puerto Rican Senate, who arrived in U. S. on Porto Rico liner, Coamo. He says he will try to get support for idea of Western Hemisphere flag to be flown with national flags of North and South American nations. It would show red eagle, symbolizing North America, red condor for South America, flanking a blue star for unity, with a white background. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

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NEW U. S. AIR LINE IN SOUTH AMERICA opened by Pan American Airways System. Service will cover Lima-Peru-Rio de Janeiro route formerly operated by German air line Deutsche Lufthansa. (N. Y. Times)

GRAF SPEE CASE REOPENED as Argentine Senate asks government who chartered ships that picked up crewmen of German pocket battleship after she was scuttled at Montevideo Dec. 17, 1940. Also seeks to learn if vessels, reportedly sent from Buenos Aires, carried explosives with which ship was blown up. (N. Y. Times)

GERMANY SEEKS TO RE-EXPORT RADIO TRANSMITTER found in diplomatic pouches seized by Argentine government recently. German Ambassador asks permission to re-export set by Lati-Italian air line. (N. Y. Times)

BRAZILIAN PROTECTION OF AZORES if Germany threatens them reported asked of Brazilian government by U. S. Report U. S. considers Brazil logical nation for task, because inhabitants of Azores are Portuguese. U. S. would stand ready to give full support but would be relieved of any charges of aggressive designs on the islands. (Kingsbury Smith in Washington Herald Tribune)

JAPAN ASKS CHILE FOR FUEL for three vessels en route to Chile by way of Straits of Magellan after being denied passage through Panama Canal. Japanese freighter omits scheduled Panama Canal call, leaves cargo of cement for Canal at Puntarenas, Costa Rica. Mexican government reported considering suspension of fuel sales to Japanese ships. (N. Y. Times)

INVESTIGATION OF NAZIS IN CHILE asked by newspaper Imparcial "in view of actions in Argentina, Bolivia and Colombia." Appointment of investigating committee asked by Socialists in Chamber of Deputies. (N. Y. Times)

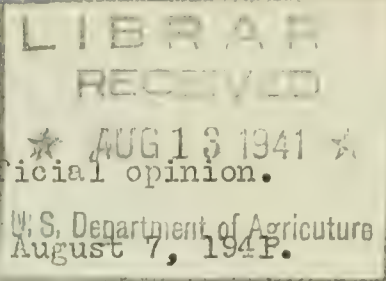
FARM YOUTH CLUBS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, patterned on U. S. 4-H clubs, being developed by Dominican Republic Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor. Clubs will be called Clubes Agrícolas Juveniles. (Report from Atherton Lee, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)

JAPANESE PROTESTS TO ECUADOR against rumors incorporated in Ecuadorian official announcements of Japanese participation with Peru in border war and also against incidents growing out of reports. Incidents protested were search of Japanese steamer at Guayaquil, dismissal of Japanese technician employed in Ecuadorian factory and mob assault on Japanese quinine factory. (N. Y. Times)

ECUADORIANS PROTEST CONDUCT OF BORDER WAR with Peru, are dispersed with tear gas at opening of special session of Congress in Quito. President Arroyo del Río attacks Peru for continuing battle after agreeing to suspend hostilities. Peruvian press and propaganda office denies Arroyo's statement that Peru agreed unconditionally to halt fighting July 26. (N. Y. Times)

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EXPORTERS URGED TO FOLLOW SPIRIT OF BLACKLIST at forum meeting in New York attended by representative of Office of Export Control. Asked to apply for licenses for export to all persons suspected of pro-Axis leanings, even if not on proclaimed list. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

FIFTH COLUMN WAMES IN AMERICAS as voice of South American lovers of democracy begins to be heard. It says it springs in part from lessened certainty that Germany will win in Europe. (Roland Hall Sharp in Christian Science Monitor).

HOSPITALITY OF LATIN AMERICA toward visitors from U.S. is bulwark against Nazi intrigue, says writer from Oaxaca, Mexico, after trip through Central America and Mexico. (R. E. Markham in Christian Science Monitor).

U.S. ADVANCES CULTURAL TIES WITH AMERICAS by assignment of professors and students to Central and South American schools. Cultural relations groups assigned to Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Venezuela under international convention for the promotion of cultural relations. Each professor is assigned to teach in a university and sticks to non-political activities, in contrast with similar German visitors. (Christian Science Monitor).

ARGENTINA AND CHILE REMAIN COOL TO BRITISH PLAN for defense of Hemisphere by treating as non-belligerent any American nation involved in foreign war. Report both government and public opinion in Chile believe in strict neutrality and fear becoming "ensnared" by obligations. Argentina government has taken "cautious" stand, but press, some officials and large part of public willing to go much farther in defending democracy. (C.S.M.).

ARGENTINA CHARGES NAZIS WITH SNUFFLING radio transmitter which was intercepted by Congressional committee. Federal authorities ask legal action against German Embassy on charge of "clandestine entry." (N.Y.H.T.).

PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR GETS UNLIMITED POWERS from Congress in economic and military affairs. President authorized to remove any government functionary and assume control over all publications and over the dissemination of news. (N.Y.H.T.).

GERMANS OUSTED IN GUATEMALA from board of directors of Central Bank of Guatemala at meeting of stockholders. Two of four vacancies filled by election of an American and a Swede. (N.Y. Times).

PERU DEMOUNCES DIPLOMATIC TREATY WITH GERMANY, signed in 1925, thus subjecting German diplomatic mail pouch to examination by Peruvian customs officials and otherwise restricting action of diplomats although not severing diplomatic relations between countries. Action result of use of diplomatic pouch to send radio transmitter from Peru to Argentina. (Washington Times Herald).

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BLACKLIST EVASION METHODS being watched closely, according to N.Y. banking quarters. If it develops that a given Latin American concern is taking orders on behalf of blacklisted unit, concern will also appear on blacklist. American firms doing business with blacklisted units through intermediaries subject to penalties. (Journal of Commerce).

SHORTAGE OF LEAD by end of year feared by O.P.M. officials. Decrease in supply attributed partly to difficulties in obtaining shipping facilities for transportation of raw material, which comes primarily from Mexico, Peru and Canada. (Journal of Commerce).

EQUADOR ACCEPTS PLAN to place U.S., Argentine and Brazilian military attachés in disputed border area between Peru and Ecuador as observers to determine whether or not recent truce is being kept and if not, which side is violating, Argentine Foreign Office announces. (Washington Star).

NAZI PAPER BANNED by Argentine postal authorities. "El Pampero" withdrawn from mails for indefinite period because of two "anti-government" articles. (PM).

GERMANS TO CURB PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES in Argentina, in response to Argentine request to German and British Embassies to tone down clashing propaganda campaigns. Germany also promises to destroy propaganda pamphlets being distributed in Argentina and to cease all activities "objectionable" to Argentine Government. (Washington Star).

APPOINTMENT OF COLOMBIAN COUNSELOR TO WASHINGTON, Diego Mejia, has been announced by government at Bogotá. (Washington Star).

CUBA BANS MEAT EXPORTS in view of threatening meat shortage in Havana. Office of Ministry of Commerce announces prohibitory decrees, signed by President Fulgencio Batista, to become effective within few days. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

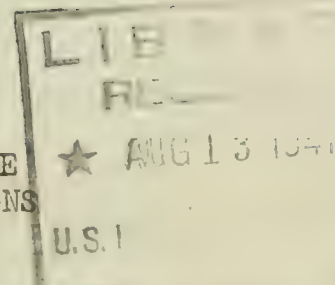
FIVE GERMANS ARRESTED IN CUBA, by police attached to anti-espionage bureau, on charges of conducting totalitarian propaganda in Havana. Among those detained are Otto Julius, German secret agent in last World War and Otto Walter Fritsche, whose name appears on U.S. blacklist of pro-Axis firms and individuals in Latin America. (Washington Star).

PASSENGERS BARRED FROM COSTA RICAN PORT. Italian, Japanese and German passengers, aboard Japanese steamship, Heiyo Maru, docked at Puntarenas, barred from leaving ship by Government of Costa Rica. Citizens of American Republics permitted to land. (Christian Science Monitor).

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NAZIS CHARGE U.S. HAS IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS in Latin America. German government launches full-scale campaign designed to show U.S. military and naval missions are busily engaged in all Central American countries. Says President Roosevelt is aiming at "subjugation of Latin America." Official DNB news agency says "U.S. government is aiming to surround entire South America with chain of bases which will be tantamount to undivided U.S. hegemony." (Wash. Times Herald).

REPRESENTATIVES LEAVE FOR LATIN AMERICA on 58-day flying tour for double purpose of feeling "Latin America's pulse in reaction to good neighbor policy" and checking work of American foreign service. Tour will take five members of sub-committee of House Appropriations Committee to 17 Latin American countries. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS from 3 miles to 12 miles and complete sovereignty over widened zone recommended by Inter-American Neutrality Commission to American Republics. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

7,000-MILE AUTOMOBILE RACE from northernmost capital of South America, Caracas, Venezuela, to Buenos Aires, southernmost capital, sponsored by Argentine Automobile Club. More than 60 South American automobile racers to give concrete proof that plans for Pan American Highway has become reality. Race to end in Buenos Aires, October 12, Columbus Day. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

SECOND INTER-AMERICAN TRAVEL CONGRESS to be held in Mexico City, Sept. 15-24. Representatives of 21 American Republics and Dominion of Canada, officials and delegates interested in development of travel, expected to attend. President Avila Camacho to deliver message to people of Western Hemisphere at meeting of Congress September 17. FOURTH PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY CONGRESS also to be held in Mexico City at same time, with delegates from all American nations attending. Program to include exhibition of road-building machines and materials, discussions of problems related to highway traffic and cooperation of all American countries in highway systems to foster tourist travels and aid in hemisphere defense. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS SEE "SCHOOL OF AIR" in Mexico City's National Palace of Fine Arts, where CBS is to hold first Latin American conference of "School of the Air of the Americas," Thursday, Friday and Saturday. More than 1,000 educators, government officials and radio men from all American Republics attending. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PAN AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL sponsored by Educational Alliance in New York City to promote Pan American friendship among East Side New York children. Festival climaxes week's study of Latin America at the organization. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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SCHOOLS TO GIVE NEW COURSE in educational program, designed to stimulate in American schools the teaching of subjects dealing with Latin American Republics, announces Nelson A. Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Mr. Rockefeller says education committee of his office will distribute information about history, geography, languages, ways of life and culture of other American Republics, through cooperation of Office of Education of Federal Security Agency. Education committee also cooperating with Dr. John W. Studebaker, U.S. Commissioner of Education, in appeal to all State Departments of Education to make budgetary provisions during coming year for teaching Latin American subjects. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ROUND UP OF NAZI ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA. Eighty-five packages of propaganda matter, consigned to German Embassy in Buenos Aires, studied by members of Taborda Congressional Committee Investigating Anti-Argentine Activities. Round up of Nazi suspects continue so intensely in Paraná, Argentina, that detention cells being cleared of other prisoners to make room for members of alleged Nazi plots to overthrow Argentine government. Chilean government, in first move against any alleged Nazi organization, reported to have discovered and smashed widespread Nazi plot for armed uprising to overthrow "Popular Front" regime of President Pedro Aguirre Cerda and supplant it with totalitarian administration. Plot, according to Santiago newspaper, La Critica, centered in Puerto Montt region of Southern Chile, by members of Landsgruppe, pro-Nazi organization. Chilean Minister of Interior, Arturo Olavarria, issues order banning all types of propaganda by Chilean radio broadcasting stations in favor of any belligerent country. Strict enforcement ordered of Colombian neutrality decree enacted June, 1940, providing for expulsion of aliens engaged in propaganda activities for belligerent countries. Cancellation of Amadeo Barletta's license to serve as Italian Consul General in Cuba announced by official Gazette. Counter Espionage Bureau reports detention of Kurt Held, German subject, on charge of spreading totalitarian propaganda in Cuba. (Washington Post and N.Y. Herald Tribune).

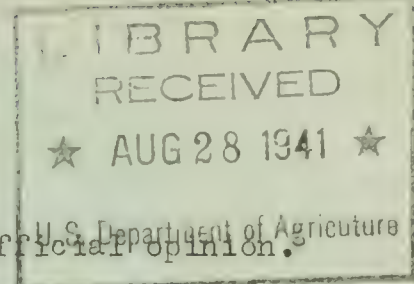
ARGENTINE PUBLISHER DIES of injuries suffered in automobile accident. Natalio Botana, owner of "Critica" for 26 years, was first publisher of afternoon newspaper in South America to exploit both local and foreign news in pro-Democratic and anti-totalitarian newspaper. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

BRAZIL TO EASE REFUGEE RESTRICTIONS in plan to permit European immigrants to remain in country for duration of war and allow them to work during such period. Under present regulations, holders of temporary or tourist visas are prohibited from performing any gainful occupations. (Christian Science Monitor).

REVIVED MEXICAN LABOR MOVEMENT PRO-U.S. Regional Confederation of Mexican Labor, virtually inactive for 12 years, revived, with governmental recognition, at recent 15th convention. One of outstanding accomplishments achieved was restoration of close bonds between C.R.O.M. and A.F. of L. Matthew W. Woll, Vice President of A.F. of L. and Robert O. Haberman, formerly strong link between Mexican and U.S. labor groups, attended. (Christian Science Monitor).

CUBAN SUGAR EXPORTS INCREASE 17.9 percent from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, as compared with same period of last year. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce).

HAITI'S FIFTH COLUMN PROBLEM will prompt Haiti to declare war on Germany if U.S. is involved. Declaration of war considered essential to control fifth column, rather than offer of soldiers, military equipment or money, of which Haiti has little. (C. Leigh Stevenson, Washington Star).

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CLEARING AGENCY FOR LATIN AMERICAN ORDERS opened by State Department's Office of Export Control. Exporters advised to submit requests for Latin American shipments to this agency, giving information as to why material is essential to country receiving it. (N.Y. Times).

ECUADOR-PERU DEVELOPMENTS include report from Guayaquil that U.S., Argentine and Brazilian military representatives are in disputed zone considering settlement with Ecuadorian and Peruvian officials. Quito reports Peruvian attack in Province of Loja. Army officers of Ecuador and Peru, arriving in U.S., reported "very good friends" on voyage. Author J. P. Marquand, returning from Ecuador, says prospect for peaceful settlement is good. (N.Y. Times).

U.S. PARTICIPATION IN PAN AMERICAN GAMES in Buenos Aires next year urged by Francisco Borgonovo, treasurer of host nation's organizing committee. Says Argentine sportsmen have raised \$500,000 to underwrite preliminary expenses and 2,000 athletes are expected to compete. Games are scheduled in November and December, 1942. (N.Y. Times).

HEMISPHERE GIRL SCOUT ENCAMPMENT opens at East Otis, Mass., with 160 girls present from 16 countries. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

10 CHILDREN INJURED IN ARGENTINE THEATRE FIRE, which two Buenos Aires newspapers attribute to Axis agents. Bottle of lighted gasoline was thrown into movie during performance for children. Report theatre owner had exhibited Russian films and lent theatre for meeting of pro-democratic Acción Argentina. (N.Y. Times).

GERMANS FREE BOLIVIAN, Jorge Denegri, chancellor of Bolivian Consulate in Berlin, after Bolivian official protest. Had been accused of involvement in "forgery" of letter that figured in recent German-Bolivian dispute. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

COLOMBIAN CABINET RESIGNATION seen as opening step in healing split in Liberal party before presidential election. President Eduardo Santos indicates he will not act on resignations until after Liberal party convention, which opens in a week. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

AXIS CONSULATES IN CUBA CLOSED, says Minister of State Cortina, commenting on Senate motion calling for such action. All Italian consulates closed; only one of Germany's remains; and no new appointments to Spanish consulates being accepted. (N.Y. Times).

MEXICO ALIGNED WITH U.S. AIMS, President Avila Camacho tells executive council of American Federation of Labor in message to Matthew Woll, A.F.L. vice president. "Friendship for U.S. stronger in Mexico than ever before," Woll reports. Urges that when U.S. makes loans to Latin American nations, it be provided that workers in those countries share equally in benefits. (N.Y. Times).

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INTERNATIONAL EVER-NORMAL GRANARY planned and surpluses of grain and fats being accumulated by U.S., Argentina, Canada and Australia for post-war relief on large scale. Tentative agreement to set up "large pool of relief wheat" reached at International Wheat Conference held in Washington July 10-August 3. Study of storage facilities throughout Western Hemisphere being made. (Sonia Tomara, N.Y. Herald Tribune).

U.S. TO TRAIN LATIN AMERICAN air pilots and mechanics during next year, under plan to tighten hemisphere defense ties developed by heads of Army air forces and civil aeronautics officials. Six hundred Latin Americans expected in U.S. British government invites several missions of Latin American air leaders to visit Great Britain and tour training centers and operational bases of Royal Air Force. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PAN AMERICAN UNION "TOUR" EXHIBIT opened. Exhibit designed to invite members of women's clubs throughout United States on "imaginary tour" of 21 republics of Latin America. Exhibit tour-plan worked out by Pan American Union, in cooperation with department of international relations of General Federation of Women's Clubs, as basis for study programs for coming year. (Washington Post).

YALE GLEE CLUB RETURNS FROM SOUTH AMERICA. Singers say concerts drew hearty response throughout South America. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

MILITARY MISSION FROM LATIN AMERICA arrives in U.S. Seventeen members from Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Bolivia to observe maneuvers of U.S. Army. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN REPRESENTATIVES, Misses Elizabeth and Martha Wells, arrive in U.S. from South American tour. Representing University on good-will mission to Brazil, they report that Brazil permits criticism of British in publications and censors criticism of Nazis "for fear of uprising among minorities." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS between Mexico and Great Britain, with U.S. as friendly mediator, may be requested, according to reports in Congressional circles in Mexico City. Relations between Mexico and Great Britain broken in May, 1938, following Mexico's expropriation of foreign-owned petroleum properties. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PERU-ECUADOR RENEW BORDER BATTLE, both Lima and Quito report. Secretary of State Hull says "It is a matter of regret that Peru and Ecuador have resumed hostilities in long-standing border dispute." Argentina, Brazil, and U.S. mediators of dispute, to insist that Peru "permit military observers of mediating nations to proceed to frontier," according to mediation agreement of July 31. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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GERMANS WARN VICHY that U. S. and Great Britain may seize Island of Martinique and other French possessions in Western Hemisphere. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

NAZI PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH AMERICA superior to organizations used in conquest of Norway, France or the Balkans, according to Geopolitical Institute in Munich, Germany, headed by Maj. Gen. Karl Haushofer. Efficiency of German propaganda machine, centered mainly in Argentina, is made possible by intense national feeling of Argentinians; obvious success of German war machine; and news from U. S. Argentine leaders stress importance of remaining at peace, believing that entanglement with European affairs might retard or nullify national progress. Free news material given by German news agencies to Argentine papers tends to glorify Germany and features lack of preparedness in U. S.; labor disputes and activities of America First Committee and speeches by Lindbergh and Wheeler -- thus providing vital implements of propaganda for Axis agents in Argentina. Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, headed by Nelson Rockefeller, and other private organizations are slowly taking on aspect of propaganda agencies for U. S., to counteract Axis propaganda, writer claims. (Carlos C. Nagel, Washington Post)

DANCE TROUPE RETURNS FROM ARGENTINA, reports that during 5-month tour of country, a definite growth of anti-Nazi feeling could be discerned. Miriam Winslow and Foster Fitz-Simons say they believe they blazed trail for other American artists in South America. (PM)

MEXICAN MASSES, with national love of organizing into political parties and historic tendency to follow political programs called "plans" are being capitalized by Nazis as means of approach, according to writer. Force of Nazi Party specialists, picked organizers of 300, has formed sub-rosa Mexican Nazi Party, "Partido Nacionalista Socialista Mexicano," which claims membership of 100,000. American and English crimes in Latin America constantly stressed. Beauties of Hitler's "New World Order" and U. S. dissension emphasized. (Virginia Prewett, PM)

ATLANTIC NAVAL BASE IN PUERTO RICO, comparable to Pearl Harbor in Pacific, being studied by Senate Appropriations Committee. Capt. E. G. Allen, Navy budget officer, tells committee that Vieques, southeast tip of Puerto Rico, only suitable Caribbean area that "has enough water to take in whole U. S. Fleet." (Washington Post)

UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS IN VENEZUELA seen unless U. S. can supply vast orders of tin, iron and steel, Jesús Herrera-Mendoza, President of Banco Central de Venezuela, says on arrival in U. S. Señor Herrera-Mendoza, accompanied by Andrés Boulton, banker and vice-president of Chamber of Commerce of Venezuela, will confer with State Department and other U. S. government agencies to advance claims for certain metals. Twenty-nine Venezuelan Boy Scouts arrive on same ship for trip through United States. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

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U.S. SCIENTIST ON SURVEY of technical methods of processing agricultural products in South America. Dr. Francis H. Thurber of Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering leaves Brazil after survey of São Paulo area, will spend two weeks in Argentina and Chile before joining B.Y. Morrison and B. B. Robinson of Bureau of Plant Industry in exploratory agricultural survey of Peru. (Letter from Dr. Thurber).

ARGENTINE TRADE PROMOTION CORPORATION opened in New York to cultivate wider markets in U.S. for non-competitive raw and finished products of Argentina. Concern called a "government-sponsored" organization, with private business interests cooperating. Organization president is Leo D. Welch, supervisor of River Plate branches of National City Bank of New York. J. B. Thomas, former manager of Chamber of Commerce of U.S. in the Argentine, will act as corporation's U.S. representative. (Washington Star).

BILL TO OUTLAW NAZI GROUPS IN CHILE received in Chamber of Deputies. Bill would not only ban Nazi activities but would permit deportation of persons engaged therein. Deputy Jorge González von Marées, chief of Popular Socialist Vanguard, formerly known as National Socialist Party, says "it is absurd to combat German regime." Declares that Chile would receive "many benefits if Germany won the war." (Washington Star).

CHILEAN PRESIDENT'S BROTHER ARRIVES in U.S. Dr. Luis Aguirre Cerda, 70-year old brother of Gen. Pedro Aguirre Cerda, President of Chile, to make study of American hospital methods. (Washington Times Herald).

CUBA BARS ALL FASCIST WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, by order of Dr. José Manuel Cortina, Minister of State. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

NAZI CONSULATE CLOSED at Santiago de Cuba. Anton Heisinger, German Consul, ordered to leave Cuba by September 1, Minister of State José Manuel Cortina announces. Dr. Cortina issues statement that Cuban government can prove that Heisinger has engaged in "activities removed from those inherent to his post, which affected security of Cuba and remainder of Americas." (Washington Post).

CUBAN SUGAR PRODUCERS PROTEST action of Price Administrator Leon Henderson in fixing ceiling price on raw sugar. Charge that action would "throttle Cuban sugar industry, and that fifth column activities in Cuba would be stimulated. Order would price sugar at 3.5 cents a pound for raw sugars, duty paid, delivered in N.Y. Cuban Government drafting "explanatory" memorandum to U.S. on Washington's action in freezing raw sugar prices. Memorandum to be presentation of views rather than protest and would explain economic problems Cuba feels would arise should price ceiling be maintained. (N.Y. Herald Tribune and Washington Star).

FARLEY VISITS MEXICAN PRESIDENT during business trip in Mexico City. Former Postmaster General James A. Farley, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Josephus Daniels, visits President Manuel Avila Camacho. Says he was "greatly impressed with President Camacho." (Washington Times Herald).

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GERMAN PLAN TO ATTACK SOUTH AMERICA following Russian campaign becoming plainer day by day, says Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, in story announced as not necessarily reflecting official view. Complete surrender of Vichy government makes move into Casablanca and Dakar easy. Likelihood seen of Nazi move into Spain and Portugal to take over Canary, Azores and Cape Verde Islands for use as bases in attack on Western Hemisphere. Says Nazi activities have passed from propaganda into definite plan. (Washington Post).

HULL CONFIRMS STIMSON'S FEAR OF NAZI ATTACK in South America. Secretary of State Hull says he feels that threat to Southern neighbors would endanger citizens of U.S. Secretary of War Stimson, in radio broadcast to Army, says "most dangerous avenue of attack is through South or Central America." Adds that in his opinion, danger would be increased extremely if Nazis should move into Dakar, French West African port opposite Brazil. (Washington Star).

GOOD NEIGHBOR SESSION AT ROOSEVELT HOME hears Mrs. Roosevelt urge organization of groups in small communities to develop "a real feeling of neighborliness." Two hundred attend meeting of Good Neighbor Committee in library of President's Hyde Park Home. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

LATIN AMERICAN VISITORS AIDED by Inter-American Hospitality Committee, which has headquarters in New York mansion. Volunteer workers of committee meet Latin Americans at trains and ships and perform variety of services intended to prevent visitors from feeling "lost." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CAPITAN-SOUTH AMERICA SHIP SERVICE EXPANDED to relieve shortage created by removal of Japanese ships. Swedish and Greek ships will be used, announced Eugene Eugénides of Athens. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

HEMISPHERE SURPLUS COMMODITIES PLAN, designed to help American nations sell excess products without upsetting tariff schedules, being considered by agricultural officials. Scheme calls for distribution of surplus food products along lines of food stamp plan now in use in U.S. Proposal first made by Carlos García-Matta, former commercial attaché of Argentine Embassy. Nations would exchange surpluses on quota system; surpluses would not be thrown on open market for general sale but would be made available only to unemployed and those on relief. (Washington Star).

ARGENTINES APPROVE PLEA TO FIGHT NAZISM at workers' mass meeting in Buenos Aires. Proposal of Argentine labor leaders that Argentina join British-Russian-U.S. front against Nazism greet with shouts of approval. Police stationed outside German and Italian shops, newspaper and business offices as workers fill streets in "folded arms holiday" to demonstrate support of democratic principles against totalitarianism. (Washington Star).

BOLIVIAN SENATE APPROVES Foreign Minister's report on reasons for recent expulsion of German Minister, Ernst Endler, on charge of conspiring with Bolivian revolutionists to establish Nazi government in La Paz under aegis of Berlin. (Washington Star).

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PARCEL POST TO BRAZIL to require commercial invoices and, if valued at over \$25, consular invoices as well. Rates to Paraguay reduced to minimum of 22¢. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

BRAZIL DENIES FRENCH REQUEST for permission to operate air service from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile. Move by Air France, French national airline to reopen war-interrupted operations between Rio de Janeiro and Dakar also vetoed. Captain Ruy da Costa Gama, Brazilian pilot and son-in-law of President Getulio Vargas resigns as technical adviser to Italian trans-Atlantic air line, Lati, chief link between Hitler-controlled Europe and South America. U.S. negotiates with Brazil to replace Lati line with American company. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILEAN TO HEAD LATIN RED CROSS. Sergio Huneeus Lavin of Santiago, former counselor of Chilean Embassy, named director of Latin American Bureau of League of Red Cross Societies. (Washington Post).

DANISH SHIPS TO SAIL SOON FROM CHILE with cargoes of nitrate for U.S. Four ships, seized by Chile, had not been used because of British failure to agree not to seize them. They will sail under Chilean flag. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

LIST OF TOTALITARIAN SYMPATHIZERS IN COLOMBIA, together with newspaper clippings of recently discovered subversive activities in Colombia contained in suitcase seized by police in Cali. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CUBA CONSULS OUSTED FROM OCCUPIED COUNTRIES of Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, occupied France and Luxemburg, presumably in retaliation for similar move against Axis consuls in Cuba. (Washington Post).

ECUADORIAN CABINET RESIGNS collectively to President Carlos Arroyo del Río. (N. Y. Herald Tribune).

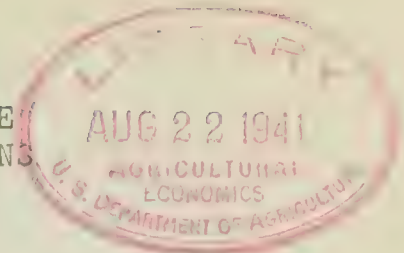
CIRCULATION OF ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA in El Salvador will not be permitted, according to announcement in "El Diario Oficial," government newspaper. Announcement says "Salvadorean government, together with other nations of this continent, supports wholeheartedly the democratic form of government." (Washington Star).

U.S. BUYS ENTIRE MEXICAN MERCURY output at rate of more than 2,000 flasks per month. Leon Henderson, Price Administrator, predicts decline in present price of \$192 per flask for mercury. Says increased supplies would make more mercury available to civilian users. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PERU'S ADHESION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES approved unanimously by Chamber of Deputies. Chamber receives report of totalitarian activities in Peru from Deputy Carlos de la Puente, sponsor of bill calling for congressional investigation of anti-democratic activities in Peru. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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AIR SERVICE TO LINK CANAL ZONE AND ARGENTINA, Harold J. Roig, president of Pan American-Grace Airways, announces. New service, starting August 26, to be between Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Will be step in Panagra's trend toward replacing or competing with Axis-controlled air lines in Latin America. (Washington Post).

ENGLISH COURSE FOR LATIN AMERICA, experiments in education conducted over short-wave radio, prove so successful they will be expanded at start of new school year in September, Walter S. Lemmon, president of World-Wide Broadcasting Foundation, announces. Says over two thousand Latin American students enrolled for initial term. (New York Herald Tribune).

TWO AMERICANS ABOARD PLANE LOST IN BRAZIL. Nine passengers, including Prof. Philip C. Jessup, internationally known lawyer and lecturer of New York, and four crewmen reported missing aboard a Panair do Brazil passenger plane, overdue at São Paulo, en route from Porto Alegre. Jessup, professor at Columbia University and formerly a member of State Department's legal staff, has been traveling in South America on mission for Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Hugh Davies, American businessman living in São Paulo, also aboard missing plane. (Washington Post).

FRENCH CONSUL IN CUBA RESIGNS, declaring he "could not serve a government which cooperates with Axis countries." Calixto Bergnes, French Consul at Santiago de Cuba, says "Axis nations are enemies of democracy of America." (Washington Star).

HAVANA POLICING INJURES EIGHT in what police believe to be activities of anti-Fascist groups in Cuba. (Washington Post).

CUBA NIPS PRO-AXIS ACTIVITIES before they can gain foothold, says Col. Manuel Benítez, 30-year old Havana police chief. Counter espionage bureau reports arrest of dozens of persons on charge of espionage and seizure of many bales of pro-Axis propaganda. Col. Benítez says close tab is kept on Nazi-Fascist activities, but real problem is "Spanish Falange" groups, because of large Spanish colony in Cuba. "Cuba," he maintains, "is democratic and is one of the firmest friends of the U.S." (Washington Post).

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT MENTIONS FACTORY BURNS. Fifth column sabotage rumored as much of factory's production is going to U.S. (New York Herald Tribune).

MEXICAN PRESIDENT SENDS GOODWILL GREETINGS to Secretary of State Hull and Undersecretary of State Welles by Dr. Pedro de Alba, assistant director-general of Pan American Union. President Avila Camacho conveys in message the "heartiest willingness and desire on the part of Mexican leaders to stimulate all forms of continental solidarity," Dr. de Alba says, upon return from vacation in Mexico City. (Washington Post).

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LIST OF PERSONS UNFRIENDLY TO GERMAN CAUSE in Argentina among 83 packages of propaganda, addressed to German Ambassador, Baron Edmund von Thermann, seized by Argentine congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities. List, said to be compiled by German Gestapo, includes 3,000 names and carries warning, "they must be watched closely and their activities controlled." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

DR. JESSUP SAFE IN BRAZILIAN AIR CRASH, 15 miles south of São Paulo, in which 8 persons were killed and two seriously injured. Dr. Philip C. Jessup, internationally known lawyer and lecturer from New York and Hugh Davies of Harrisburg, Pa., only North Americans aboard liner of Panair do Brasil line. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

FOUR SUSPECTS SEIZED IN HAVANA BOMB INQUIRY. Wave of bombing, injuring 12 persons, believed to be aimed at Spanish residents in Cuba. Identities of suspects withheld. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

GERMANY AND ITALY RETALIATE FOR CUBAN ORDER closing Axis consulates by expelling seven Cuban consuls in German-occupied countries and closing two Cuban consulates in Italy, Cuban Minister of State José Cortina says. Seven German consuls and one Italian consul were recently expelled from Cuba because of their alleged "improper activities." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CUBAN GOVERNMENT FIXES PRICES on "food and other articles of prime necessity." Decree lists milk, fresh meats, cheese, butter, edible oils of all categories, vegetable or animal lard, cereals, vegetables, grain, rice, flour, bread, sugar, fresh fish, all vegetables used in native dish "ajiaco," coal, other fuels currently used, coffee, salt, garlic and onions. (Washington Times Herald).

OFFER OF JAPANESE SILK TO MEXICO rejected by Textile Workers Union because it "considers Mexico's pledge to cooperate in continental defense more important than personal situation of Mexican textile workers." Japanese importers attempting to persuade Mexico to resume shipments of war supplies to Japan by offer of exchange of silk and rayon. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

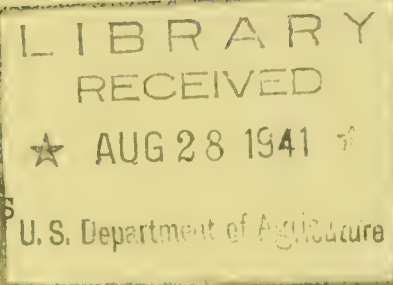
MEXICO GIVES NAZI PARTY ROLLS TO U.S. Authoritative source says membership lists of Nazi party will be used as a guide for U.S. economic offensive against pro-Axis interests in Mexico and possession of information will help smash Nazi powers. (Washington Post).

URUGUAY ACCEPTS U.S. LOAN of \$17,000,000 from Export-Import Bank, for purchase of military, naval and air equipment in U.S. Loan documents, signed by Uruguayan Ambassador to Washington, ratified by Uruguayan cabinet and President Alfredo Baldomir. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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SOUTH AMERICAN WOMEN AS CONSCIOUS OF U.S. STYLES now as they formerly were of Parisian clothes, Mona Maris, Argentine screen star in Hollywood, says. (Washington Post)

CHILE FACES COAL SHORTAGE. Although production increased to more than 2,100,000 tons in 1940, supply is still below demand. Government announces in Santiago that 1941 shortage may be 200,000 tons. National Railways to suspend several trains. Attempt will be made to purchase 40,000 tons of coal from U.S. and local mines will be helped in increasing local production. (Washington Post)

ECUADORIAN MINISTER ENTERTAINED IN WASHINGTON at luncheon given by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. Vincente Illingworth, Minister of Finance of Ecuador, is in U.S. on economic mission. (Washington Post)

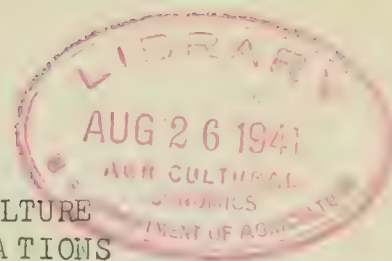
MEXICO CITY FACES TELEPHONE STRIKE by workers of Mexican Telephone Company, subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph Company. Negotiations with Federal Labor Arbitration Board reaches deadlock. Walkout scheduled for tomorrow. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PERU BANS TWO FASCIST NEWSPAPERS, "Unidad," Spanish Fascist organ published by Federico Pasco, and "Nutova," directed by Toto Giurato, press chief at Italian legation in Peru, according to announcement by Government Press Office. Both papers accused of anti-democratic tendencies, and suppressed in "interests of public order." (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

PUERTO RICAN PLEDGE LOYALTY to President Roosevelt. Luis Muñoz Marín, president of Puerto Rican Senate, assures President Roosevelt of "full Puerto Rican cooperation in any way, military or economic, to defend democracy." Expresses willingness to lead Puerto Rican troops abroad, if necessary." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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'RESIST U.S.,' GOEBBELS TELLS LATIN AMERICA in interview published in Madrid newspaper Informaciones. Warns they will "become U.S. colonies" unless they halt American intervention. (Washington Times-Herald)

DIVISION OF LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS established in Louisiana State University at University, La., with Dr. R. W. Bradbury as director. Advisory committee composed of faculty members. (Report from J. G. Lee, Jr., Dean of Agriculture)

MOTION TO OUST GERMAN AMBASSADOR from Argentina introduced in Argentine Congress. (Washington Post)

HULL GREETES ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVES, in U.S. in the interest of Pan American Olympic Games at Buenos Aires, assures them U.S. will do all in its power to cooperate. (Washington Post)

TIME BOMBS FOUND ON CLIPPER, says Rio de Janeiro newspaper Criticas. Reports two bombs found on Pan American Clipper August 9 and another Pan American plane set afire by saboteurs at Trinidad. (Washington Post)

NAZI PLOT IN COLOMBIA HINTED as police in town of Cali turn over to government papers of "extraordinary importance" seized from two representatives of German news agency, Transocean. (Washington Times-Herald)

MEXICAN TELEPHONE STRIKE BEGINS after failure of last-minute pleas of federal labor board of Mexico. Half of country's phone service paralyzed as 1,800 employees strike for 35 percent wage increase. Company is United States-owned and shares Mexico's telephone network with Swedish firm. (Washington Post)

GOVERNOR OF MEXICAN DISTRICT OUSTED on recommendation of President Avila Camacho, who orders state of alarm in San Luis Potosí because of political fighting. Ousted governor, Gen. Reynaldo Pérez Gallardo, replaced by Col. Ramón Jiménez Juárez. (Washington Times-Herald)

VENEZUELAN EDUCATOR VISITS Catholic University in Washington. Dr. Antonio Castillo, president of National University of Venezuela at Caracas, received by university officials. (Washington Post)

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FARM SCIENTISTS LEAVE FOR TROPICS to inspect sites proposed for establishment of Inter-American Institute of Tropical Agriculture. Headed by Ralph H. Allee, of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, party of agricultural scientists will inspect sites offered by governments of Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Costa Rica and El Salvador. (Washington Times-Herald).

FRENCH DIPLOMATS NOT COOPERATING WITH NAZIS in Latin America expected to be removed by French Foreign Office, now that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain has "surrendered" to Nazis, according to reports from Panama. French aides resisting German pressure in Latin America will be purged or will voluntarily resign. First resignation reported by Paul Fisseux, Chargé d'Affaires at San José, Costa Rica, and Secretary of Legation, Pierre Ducuron, who announce they will represent Free French and government of General Charles de Gaulle. (N.Y. Times).

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS ASK PERMIT for projected new commercial air service between New York and Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. Proposed route would permit stops at Baltimore, Md.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Belém, Brazil; Natal, Brazil; Monrovia, Liberia; and Lagos, Nigeria. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

NEW TROPICAL DRUG TESTED in Philippines. Studies on therapeutic value of Philippine totaquina show that product compares favorably with quinine, for which it is a substitute. No untoward effects observed following its use. Totaquina contains all the alkaloids of the cinchona plant, of which quinine is one. (Natural and Applied Science Bulletin, Univ. of the Philippines).

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LATIN AMERICANS established by Louisiana State University at University, La. Five scholarships to be awarded to Latin American students for 1941-42 session, each worth \$270 a year, plus fee exemption. (J.G. Lee, Jr., Dean, College of Agriculture, L.S.U.).

EXHIBIT OF AMERICAN PAINTINGS on tour in South America arrives in Montevideo, Uruguay. Exhibit of contemporary American painters one of three formed for circulation in South America, Central America and Mexico. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINA HOLDS 30 LEADING NAZIS incommunicado at Buenos Aires on charges of subversive activities. Argentine police hunt for six additional suspects for whom warrants have been issued. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINA ACQUIRES 16 ITALIAN FREIGHTERS, according to Acting President Ramón Castillo. Cost of ships estimated at \$10,000,000. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE BOY'S DEATH LAID TO NAZIS. Inquiry ordered into death by hanging of 9-year-old boy, George Balis, son of railroad worker of La Plata. Charges that father refused to pay contribution demanded by Nazis for German Red Cross. Boy's death suspected as vengeful act by agents of the Gestapo. (Washington Times-Herald).

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CHILEAN PASSENGER LINE EXPANDED because of increasing business between United States and South America, according to Agustin Huneus, general representative of Chilean Lines in the U.S. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILEAN CABINET FAVORS EXPORT LEVY ON COPPER. Bill by Finance Minister, Guillermo del Pedragal, to impose export tax on copper and apply proceeds to financing public works program, will be sent to Chilean Congress this week. Thomas J. Williams and R. T. Miller of Metal Reserves Corporation, meet with government representatives in Washington and offer to buy Chile's entire output of copper concentrates, mercury, manganese, cobalt, lead and molybdenum. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

GERMAN HELD IN COLOMBIA. Wilhelm Birschel, German Engineer, arrested on charges of photographing and obtaining data concerning highway connecting Cali with Pacific Ocean, according to correspondent of the "Tiempos" at Cali. Says Trans-ocean, German news agency, is attempting to extend its propaganda to Colombian press and radio, but is meeting with little success. (N.Y. Times).

DOMESTIC SUGAR BEET PRODUCERS FIGHT CONCESSION to Cuban sugar producers in contemplated supplementary trade agreement between Cuba and U.S. Say "any reduction in rate of duty on Cuban sugar or any other concession which tends to improve competitive position of Cuban sugar producers is unnecessary and unwarranted." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

REFUGEES HELD IN CUBA because of unsatisfactory passports. Thirty-two Europeans en route to Venezuela and one to Colombia permitted to leave ship and are on pier when news arrives that passports are not satisfactory to Cuban Immigration Department. Refugees cry they would "rather be shot than be sent back to Europe." (N.Y. Times).

CUBA SEIZES FINNISH SHIP and interns captain and crew of 18. Dr. Aurelio Ituarte, Chief of Immigration, gives no reason for seizure, but it is reported to be in accord with Cuba's policy of taking over all ships of Axis and Axis-connected powers. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO RESPECTED for his statement: "No member of my family, no politician, nor anyone else influences me." Has reputation as harmonizer and is trying to follow middle course, says writer. Reports he is bringing uncompromising Cardenas program into line with national realities, and public is overjoyed. (Betty Kirk in Washington Post).

MEXICO TO SPEED WORK ON TEHUANTEPEC RAILROAD. Rebuilding of antiquated 190-mile Tehuantepec Isthmus railroad to be begun as soon as feasible in order that it may be used as possible substitute for Panama Canal if war comes to Western Hemisphere. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

MEXICO ORDERS 15 GERMAN CONSULATES TO CLOSE by September 1. Instructs all Mexican consuls in German-occupied Europe to withdraw by same date. Action follows recent strain on Mexico's relations with Berlin caused by German request that Mexico protest Washington's anti-Axis blacklist. (Washington Post)

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LATIN CATHOLICS BACK U.S. POLICY, the Rev. Joseph F. Thorning, Professor of Sociology at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and director of first Catholic Sign Seminar to South America, says upon return to U.S. from 3-month stay at University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru. Dr. Thorning declares reports that "any substantial section of Christian clergy or laity in South America has lost confidence either in U.S. or basic principles of democracy are vicious slander." (N.Y. Times).

WELLES ADVISES LATIN AMERICA TO CONSERVE RESOURCES in short-wave broadcast in honor of Uruguayan Independence Day. Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, promises no discrimination in doling out supplies by U.S. to sister republics in Western Hemisphere. (Washington Post).

NAZI ENVOY CASE PUT TO ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT on charges of misuse of public funds. German Ambassador to Argentina, Edmund von Thermann, accused of using large sums of money collected by German organizations for charitable and welfare purposes to finance propaganda and activities directed against Argentine democratic institutions (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINA HALTS BUYING GASOLINE FOR OFFICIALS in one of many measures adopted to reduce government deficits. Argentine government officials must in future pay for gasoline and chauffeurs for cars supplied by the State. (Washington Post).

U.S. ARMY OFFICER REMAINS IN NICARAGUA. U.S. Government agrees to continue to detail an Army officer to serve as director of Military Academy of National Guard in Nicaragua. Provision made in agreement signed by Secretary of State Hull and Minister of Nicaragua, Dr. Don León De Bayle. (Washington Post).

PARAGUAY DISCOVERS SUBVERSIVE PLOT "tending to upset public order." Government decrees curfew for Asunción, allowing only soldiers and sailors on streets after 10 p.m. (Washington Post).

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO OPENS for 39th year, with more than 5,000 students enrolled. Courses stress education for democracy and inter-American cultural relations. (N.Y. Times).

RENFORD TUGWELL CONFIRMED BY SENATE as Puerto Rican Governor on standing vote. (Washington Star).

URUGUAY DENIES REPORT of plan to grant air bases to foreign power. Predictions of close military collaboration between Uruguay and U.S. toward continental defense follow nation-wide broadcast by Minister of Defense, General Julio A. Roletti, urging construction of new air bases and strengthening of Uruguay's air force. Gen. Roletti says "if the airports we are planning can be called bases, they are our bases." (N.Y. Times).

WALLACE TALKS WITH BOY SCOUTS IN SPANISH. Vice President Wallace receives party of 29 scouts from Venezuela. Party, concluding a 21-day tour of Eastern States, converses with Vice President in Spanish. (Washington Star).

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ARGENTINA'S GOOD WILL POLICY set up in four-point international program expressing "national will above all parties" in secret session of Argentine Senate. Policy of "neutrality and good relationships with all countries with cooperative defense to resist extracontinental aggression" indicates Argentine tendency to take a more comprehensive viewpoint of continental defense. (Christian Science Monitor)

GERMAN OFFICIAL FLEES ARGENTINA en route to Brazil as committee investigating nazi activities in Argentina attempts to take him into custody. Gottfried Sandstede, officially listed as head of Press Office of German Embassy but suspected as being head of the Gestapo and Heinrich Himmler's confidential agent in Argentina, denies he left Argentina to avoid taking witness stand after being refused diplomatic immunity by Argentine Foreign Office. (Arnaldo Cortesi, N.Y. Times)

GERMAN LEGATION LIST IS REQUESTED by Bolivian Senate. Senate urges government to ask German chargé d'affaires for complete list of German Legation members and nature of each member's work. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILE HONORS MEMORY OF U.S. DIPLOMAT, Joel Roberts Poinsett, who was first foreign envoy to any of the republics of South America. Ceremony at Santiago included unveiling of bronze plaque of Poinsett, placed on statue of Gen. José Miguel Carrera, hero of early days of Chilean independence. (Christian Science Monitor)

MEXICO CURBS PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS of Sinarquistas and National Action, conservative political movements critical of the Mexican government. President Avila Camacho issues statement through Jesús González Gallo, President's secretary, that future demonstrations will be "authorized only after careful investigation of character, circumstances and purposes of any projected meeting in recognition of public order." (Christian Science Monitor)

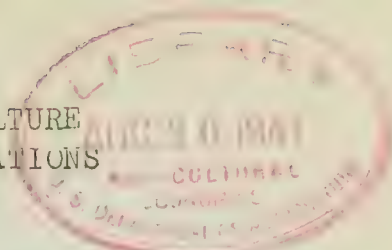
COFFEE SUBSIDY WILL BE PAID at rate of 2 cents a pound on not more than 14,000,000 pounds of surplus Puerto Rican coffee shipped to the U.S. before next June 30, announces U.S. Department of Agriculture. Subsidy to be paid to Puerto Rican Stabilizing Corporation on coffee purchased from island growers or association of growers and will be in addition to price that corporation receives for coffee from American importers. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ALL AMERICAN STATES SHOULD UNITE to defend democratic existence from totalitarian menace within, says Victor Raúl de la Torre, revolutionary Peruvian leader formerly hostile toward North America, in document on the "strengthening of defense of the American democracies." Also proposes a Congress of States of North and South America, with arbitral powers to solve conflicts or differences affecting democratic liberties of expression, religion and economy, and an Economic Congress of Americas, to plan a continental export and import bank, an inter-American tariff union, and a single monetary unit. (Christian Science Monitor)

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VICE PRESIDENT GREETES 50 LATIN STUDENTS who have been attending summer session at University of Michigan. Henry A. Wallace, addressing students visiting Washington, says "This hemisphere is last refuge of liberty. It is up to us to make economic democracy work as well as political democracy." (Washington Post).

UNITY OF TWO AMERICAS URGED by Nelson A. Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, at session of Williamstown, Mass., Institute of Human Relations. Says "we must first overcome misunderstandings among ourselves that are the result of our mutual ignorance." Urges equality of educational and economic opportunity throughout two continents. (N.Y. Times).

AID TO BOLIVIA PREDICTED by Amos B. Foy, Vice President of Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York at dinner given in La Paz by board of directors of Central Bank of Bolivia. Says Bolivia is going through most interesting moment of her economic life and says that U.S. wishes to lend all technical as well as economic cooperation for development of Bolivia, based on scheme studied and approved by both governments. (N.Y. Times).

BRAZIL PLANS CHANGE IN MONETARY SYSTEM, according to radio reports from the Netherlands. Broadcast says President Getulio Vargas is "working on decree which will completely change Brazilian monetary system" as there are now 108 different species of money in circulation in Brazil. (Washington Times-Herald).

CHILE RECOGNIZES NAZI THREAT by outlawing Nazi organizations in proposed bill to Chilean Chamber of Deputies. Authoritative opinion influenced by popular demand for investigations similar to those in U.S., Uruguay and Argentina. Police taking vigorous preventive measures in southern Chile by arresting several Nazi leaders. (Christian Science Monitor).

CUBA JAILS GERMAN AGENTS on charges of disseminating totalitarian propaganda. Kurt Held and Herick Kohl sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Havana, to be deported at completion of sentence. (N.Y. Times).

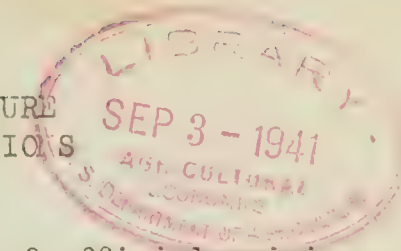
MEXICO IS BEST MARKET FOR U.S. PRODUCTS, J. Miles Rogottaz, export manager of Radio Corporation of America says upon return to New York from Mexico. Says Mexico is healthy economically. (Washington Times-Herald).

PARAGUAY FREEZES JOBS by order of Chief of Staff of Army. Order freezing all workers in their present occupations and making them subject to military law necessary "because of troublesome elements menacing nation's normality with efforts to incite working class to call general strike," army communique says. (Washington Times-Herald).

VENEZUELAN DOCTOR ARRIVES IN U.S. to attend American Congress of Physical Therapy in Washington. Dr. Trino Castro, director of Venezuelan Foundation to Combat Infantile Paralysis, says infantile paralysis is a serious problem in Venezuela. (N.Y. Times).

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FAILURE OF INTER-AMERICAN COFFEE BOARD to reach decision on size of coffee quotas for year beginning Oct. 1 may force Pan American coffee conference to convene in attempt to force quota reductions. Inter-American Coffee Board to meet today in Washington to discuss problem. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

DUTCHMEN IN SOUTH AMERICA instructed to report for military service, Netherlands legation in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, announces. (Christian Science Monitor)

NEW YORK CHILDREN TAKE "TAKE BELIEVE" TRIP to Latin America in pageant sponsored by Union Settlement. (N.Y. Times)

AMERICAS AGREE TO USE AXIS SHIPS in Western Hemisphere ports. Delegates at meeting of Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Committee announce that governments of 21 American Republics approve plan under which idle Danish, German and Italian ships would be employed "in such a manner as to promote defense of economies of American Republics as well as peace and security of continent." Plan provides for adequate compensation for ships. (N.Y. Times)

ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR CARIBBEAN ISLANDS planned in order to group islands' potentialities, reduce competition and permit great division of economic effort. Islands involved include Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Trinidad, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and possibly Cuba. Proposed program would provide for exchange of labor, food products, small manufactures and general coordination of economic planning. (Washington Times-Herald)

BRAZIL ALMOST INDEPENDENT OF EUROPE and is able to handle bulk of foreign trade through North, South and Central America, the American-Brazilian Association reports. Seventy percent of exports during first 6 months of year went to Americas as against 44 percent for last year. Same ratio applies to imports, giving ample evidence of readjustment of trade routes and world markets. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CHILE PLACES LARGE RAILWAY ORDERS IN U.S. Chilean State Railways Administration places large orders in U.S. for locomotive and electrical equipment, the Department of Commerce announces. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

HEARST LOSSES OIL CONCESSIONS in Ojinaga, State of Chihuahua. Concessions of U.S. publisher declared "no longer subsistent" in publication of Mexican Minister of Economy. (Christian Science Monitor)

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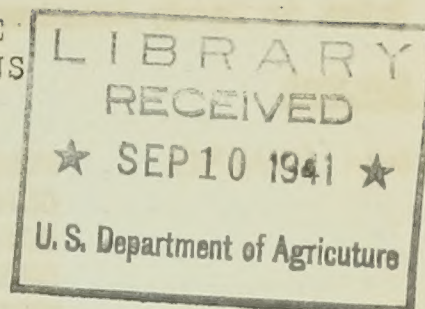
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